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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 6/25/2021
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: TravelPAC
Office:
Parish:
Election Date:
Level of Office: PAC

1165 S. Foster Cr.
Baton Rouge LA
70806

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: MO
Original Due Date: 12/10/2020
Date Filed: 12/18/2020
Activity Receipts: \$0
Expenditures: \$531.95
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$23,843.49

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1,600
Days Late: 8
Late Fee Order Received: 5/4/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/24/2021
Waiver Request Received: 5/10/2021
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Waiver request was hand delivered and signed by Celeste Gomez, Chairperson and Jill Kidder, Treasurer. They state the small PAC has been in existence for many years and they said records will show all previous reports were filed in a timely manner. They said in November due to Covid 19 and the detrimental affects the crisis had on the travel and hospitality industry, the accountant who filed these reports for over 13 years was unfortunately released from her duties. They said around the same time the report was due the organization was in the process of moving due to the financial crisis. When it was realized the report had not been filed they filed it immediately.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

LOUISIANA TRAVELPAC

May 10, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Re: Louisiana TravelPAC late filing fees – request for leniency and waiver

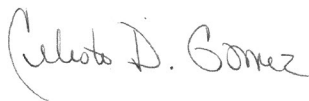
To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as our sincere apology and a request for waiver of fees for the eight (8) day late filing of the November 2020 Campaign Finance Disclosure report on behalf of Louisiana TravelPAC. The small PAC has been in existence for many years, and we believe your records will show has filed all previous reports in a timely manner.

In November, due to Covid-19 and the detrimental affects the crisis had on the travel and hospitality industry, the accountant who handled the bookkeeping and who had filed these reports on a monthly basis for over 13 years for TravelPAC was unfortunately released from her duties. Around the same time as the November report was due, the organization was in the process of moving, due to the same financial crisis brought on by Covid-19, from its location at 1165 South Foster in Baton Rouge, 70806, to its current location at 14141 Airline Hwy. Ste. 1Q in Baton Rouge, 70718. When it was realized the report had not yet been properly filed for the month of November 2020 the organization immediately placed a call to the Board of Ethics to obtain a new password for the on-line filing and then filed the proper paperwork.

We respectfully ask for leniency and waiver of the late fees, as we believe all reports have been filed on time since this unfortunate incident. A third-party financial consultancy firm has now been hired and as part of their monthly duties will handle the accounting and paperwork for Louisiana TravelPAC.

Sincerely,



Celeste Gomez
Chairperson of Louisiana TravelPAC
P.O. Box 765
Eunice, LA 70535

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Jill Kidder
Treasurer of Louisiana TravelPAC
10850 N. Lake Rosemound Road
St. Francisville, LA 70775

Sent by fax to 225.381.7271 and by USPS on Monday, May 10, 2021

HAND DELIVERED